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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please further amend this application as

follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-9 as follows, the amendments being shown by brackets and underscoring in the Appendix hereto:

(Amended) Transdermal therapeutic system comprising a backing

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